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The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I think there are distinct orders in the matter."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know what the orders are?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, with reference to items 1 and 2 in the appendix whether the Director-General of Stores, London, has simply to carry out the instructions of this Government as agent or whether he has full discretion to buy as he chooses?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Notice."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether he has to buy from the cheapest market?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"So far as I know he has to buy in the cheapest market. I cannot give an authoritative answer. If such an answer is asked for, I must ask for notice."

Land Revenue

Failure of crops in Palghat taluk.

*1828 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the answers given to questions Nos. 1377-A and 1377-B, regarding failure of crop in Palghat taluk—

(a) the normal rainfall in Palghat taluk in every month from June to December;

(b) the actual rainfall recorded during the same period in 1928;

(c) whether the supply of water reported as insufficient in the season report for December has affected the second crop; and

(d) whether remission has been granted in the case of lands where the second crop has not been compounded?

A.—(a) & (b) The average rainfall during the months of June to December and the actual rainfall in 1928 during those months, as recorded at the three registering stations of the Palghat taluk, is given in the attached statement.[a]

(c) In a report, dated 30th December 1928, the Collector of Malabar stated that the condition of the standing crop in the Palghat taluk was poor for want of rain.

(d) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (c) of question No. 1377-B.

Jails

Alleged ill-treatment of persons connected with the Koilpatti sedition case.

*1829 Q.—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Messrs. A. Kuppuswami Mudali, M. S. Subrahmani Ayyar, Nainiyappa Pillai and Dayvanayakayya sentenced in the Koilpatti sedition case were not allowed to take their books and shoes with them;

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 711 infra.